

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

September 29, 1966  
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Palmer presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Absent: None

Present also: W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager; Doren R. Eskew, City Attorney; Reuben Rountree, Jr., Director of Public Works; Robert A. Miles, Chief of Police

Invocation was delivered by REVEREND BILL IRVIN, Austin Baptist Association.

Councilman Long moved that MR. JIM FRITZ be heard. The motion was seconded by Councilman LaRue. Roll call showed a unanimous vote.

MR. FRITZ, President, Board of Water District No. 5 (South of Williamson Creek, Manchaca Road, San Antonio Highway and the Interregional areas) recalled the requirements a Water District had to meet in the event the City of Austin took it over. He pointed out that developers of several large subdivisions had been given permission by District No. 5 to obtain utilities from the City, but that these subdivisions should be considered as an asset of the District. He said the Board wants the City to take over Water District No. 5. The District levied a tax in 1962, but the revenues had been sufficient to take care of their bonds. Two big customers, LITTLE TEXAS and HERFF JONES MANUFACTURING COMPANY are within the boundary of No. 5, and another major project will come in this fall, and he said the City could better handle the District. He reviewed briefly the financial status of the District showing it to be in good shape. The Mayor asked Mr. Fritz to file a copy of his audit report. The City Manager explained the requirements to be met when the City did take over a water district, and he pointed out the audit this year would probably show this District balancing out or very nearly so. The City Manager stated they would like to look at this audit to be sure. The Mayor stated the City would check into this, and give him an early answer.

Councilman LaRue moved the Minutes of the meeting of September 8, 1966, be approved as amended; and the Special Meeting of September 9, 1966, be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

Mayor Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND PERPETUALLY CLOSING FOR PUBLIC USE A PORTION OF WASHINGTON AVENUE AND ROSEWOOD AVENUE ALLEY, IN AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; RETAINING CERTAIN EASEMENTS IN THE CITY FOR PUBLIC UTILITY AND SANITARY SEWER PURPOSES; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF AN ORDINANCE ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Long moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: Councilman White

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Long moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: Councilman White

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Long moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: Councilman White

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, by instrument dated December 1, 1936, of record in Volume 556 at Page 92 of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, an electrical easement was granted to the City of Austin, in, upon and across Lot 1 and Lot 2, Glauninger Subdivision, a resubdivision of a portion of Lots 8 and 9, Duval Heights, a subdivision of a portion of the James P. Wallace Survey Number 57 in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, according to a map or plat of said Duval Heights of record in Book 2 at Page 189 of the Flat Records of Travis County, Texas; a map or plat of said Glauninger Subdivision being of record in Book 24 at Page 38 of the Flat Records of Travis County, Texas; and,

WHEREAS, the owners of the above described property have requested the City Council of the City of Austin to release the above described easement; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the hereinabove described easement is not now needed and will not be required in the future; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Manager of the City of Austin be, and he is hereby authorized to execute a release of the following described electrical easement, to wit:

All of those certain electrical easements as described in an instrument dated December 1, 1936, of record in Volume 556 at Page 92 of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, and which traverse Lot 1 and Lot 2, Glauninger Subdivision, a resubdivision of a portion of Lots 8 and 9, Duval Heights, a subdivision of a portion of the James P. Wallace Survey Number 57 in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, according to a map or plat of said Duval Heights of record in Book 2 at Page 189 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas; a map or plat of said Glauninger Subdivision being of record in Book 24 at Page 38 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager of the City of Austin, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute that certain pipeline lease agreement dated August 26, 1966, between the City of Austin and Missouri Pacific Railroad Company for a twelve inch (12") sewage line extending westward from Pinecrest Drive under the Missouri Pacific Railroad track and right of way described as a point known as "E.C.S. 9142 / 24, 965 feet South of M.P. 173".

The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, that certain agreement concerning Missouri Pacific Boulevard which was entered into by the City of Austin and Missouri Pacific Railroad

Company as of December 15, 1961 provided for the execution of contracts in form specified covering the construction of each of several grade separations designated in said agreement; and,

WHEREAS, after extensive work by both parties, the detailed plans and specifications for the construction of the grade separation facilities at West 45th Street have now been completed and approved by the respective parties; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Manager, W. T. Williams, Jr., be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the City of Austin, and to deliver to Missouri Pacific Railroad Company, that certain contract, the form of which has been previously approved by the City Council, for the construction of grade separation facilities at the intersection of West 45th Street and the Missouri Pacific Railroad; and that the City Clerk be authorized to file the same without recording said contract at length upon the minutes of the City Council.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:  
 Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
 Noes: None

Councilman LaRue inquired about the timing of these grade separations. The City Attorney stated the provision was that there would be three separations within three years, and all six to be under contract within six years. The other grade separation must be under contract by December 15, 1967. The Mayor suggested that the Highway Department might be interested in this. Councilman Long suggested the plans be taken to the Highway Department for their review.

Councilman White moved that the Council grant the request made by MR. WALTER WENDLANDT to him, to withdraw the following zoning application:

SOPHIA WENDLANDT	3011-3319 West 35th Street	From "A" Residence
ESTATE, By Walter	3303-3425 Maywood Avenue	To "BB" Residence
Wendlandt	3302-3416 Maywood Avenue	NOT Recommended
	3008-3102 Warren Street	by the
	3009-3103 Warren Street	Planning Commission
	3303-3417 Pecos Street	

The motion, seconded by Councilman Long carried by the following vote:  
 Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
 Noes: None

The City Manager discussed the open space application for Kealing Playfield explaining the playfield would serve a larger area than the Kealing Project and full credit would not be realized as an Urban Renewal Area, but the 50% open space participation would be obtained, and the Schools would participate about a third of the City's amount. Details of participation were listed. Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, Title VII of the Housing Act of 1961, as amended, provides for the making of grants by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to States

and local public bodies to assist them in the acquisition and development of permanent interests in land for open-space uses where such assistance is needed for carrying out a unified or officially coordinated program for the provision and development of open-space land as part of the comprehensively planned development of the urban area; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Austin (herein sometimes referred to as "Applicant") desires to acquire and develop fee simple title to certain land known as Block D, Lot 1 of the Kealing Tract, and containing acres of land, which land is to be held and used for permanent open-space land for a Playfield adjacent to the Kealing Junior High School; and,

WHEREAS, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the regulations of the Department of Housing and Urban Development effectuating that Title, provide that no person shall be discriminated against because of race, color, or national origin in the use of the land acquired and/or developed; and,

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the contract for Federal grant will impose certain obligations and responsibilities upon the Applicant and will require among other things (1) assurances that families and individuals displaced as a result of the open-space land project are offered decent, safe and sanitary housing, (2) compliance with Federal labor standards, and (3) compliance with Federal requirements relating to equal employment opportunity; and,

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the cost of acquiring said interest will be one hundred and thirty one thousand one hundred dollars (\$131,100); and,

WHEREAS, there will be no demolition costs nor relocation costs for the reason that the site is unoccupied; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

1. That an application be made to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a grant in an amount authorized by Title VII of the Housing Act of 1961, as amended, which amount is presently estimated to be sixty five thousand and five hundred and fifty dollars (\$65,550), and that the Applicant will pay the balance of the cost from other funds available to it.

2. That W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager, is hereby authorized and directed to execute and to file such application with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, to provide additional information and to furnish such documents as may be required by said Department, to execute such contracts as are required by said Department to act as the authorized correspondent of the Applicant.

3. That the proposed acquisition and development is in accordance with plans for the allocation of land for open-space uses, and that, should said grant be made, the Applicant will acquire, develop, and retain said land for the use designated in said application and approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

4. That the United States of America and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development be, and they hereby are, assured of full compliance by the Applicant with regulations of the Department of Housing and Urban Development effectuating Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The Council had under consideration policies recommended by the Recreation and Parks Board applicable to playfields constructed on City land by private organizations. Councilman Shanks did not approve of the chain-link fence requirement as it was not safe. With cars parking around the field and lights shining in the players' eyes it would be dangerous with chain link fences. The Recreation Director stated the policy provides that the Council grant permission for wooden fences if groups requested them. Councilman Shanks asked that this policy be explored in detail with those people involved in baseball, and those who have experience in baseball could pass it on to new operators who are building these fields. Councilman Shanks said this program was far reaching as far as Little League, Pony League, and others were concerned, and those people who give their time should be consulted to be sure it would be a satisfactory arrangement. The Council postponed decision on this policy until the Recreation Director could contact the operators and get their suggestions.

Action on the request of Board of Directors of the National Colt-Pony League to construct an additional ball field at Northwest Park was postponed until the policy relating to ball fields was adopted, and until the Council could make an on site inspection of the area of the park where the field is planned to be located.

COUNCILMAN LONG suggested that the Council ask the Texas Air Control Board and the State Health Department to make an air pollution study of Austin, as they are in Dallas, Beaumont, Wichita Falls, San Antonio, Odessa and other cities. The City Health Department would take the readings daily from the filters from the machines set up in different areas of the City and send them to the State Health Department, to see how much pollution there is in Austin. The County Health Officer, Dr. Primer stated application would need to be made for a project. Councilman Long moved that the City Manager be asked to investigate the possibility of entering into an agreement with the State Health Department and Texas Air Control Board to make a study of pollution in the City of Austin. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The Mayor asked about a pollen count also. Councilman Long stated other cities were making application for these studies, and they were being taken as the applications came in.

MRS. JOHN VARGAS, with the Robert E. Lee P.T.A. asked to be heard to request a flashing signal. Councilman Long reported she had talked with the Traffic Department about the one way south street pattern, and that these signs were going to be reinstalled in about a week. MRS. VARGAS stated their problem was on Harris and Duval and the children living west of Duval could not cross the street enroute to Robert E. Lee School without a lot of danger. She asked for red blinker signals, from 8:00 to 8:15 A.M. for 20 minutes, so that the children could get to school. Councilman Long moved that the City Manager be asked to investigate the possibility of having a red blinker warning light

school crossing at Harris Avenue and Duval for those hours (8:00 A.M. - 8:15 A.M.) for those children who are crossing, going and coming to school. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The City Manager had a memorandum from the Recreation Director stating since the cost of milk had gone up the concessionaire at the two golf courses needs to increase his price on milk dispensed from the vending machines from 10¢ to 15¢ for  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint carton. After discussion, Councilman White moved that the concessionaire be permitted to increase the price of milk sold at the two golf courses. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The City Manager stated sometime ago the Council asked the Administration to check out a request from KLRN TV to permit the installation of closed-circuit TV cable from the University Campus to a dormitory. The route has been cleared and it is known what would be involved in stringing the cable along the route. The Council adopted certain policies in connection with Cable TV and non-profit, educational TV could not comply with those policies. The City Attorney suggested that the Council make a declaration that the policies adopted were applicable to commercial cable television, and set a different policy for the non-profit educational TV. The Council had before it the 21 point policy adopted for commercial cable TV. The City Attorney stated it could remain as it is. The City Manager discussed this experimental TV in that it may become very popular and would be probably more beneficial to the University than to anyone else, if they could provide classroom space in private dormitories instead of classroom space on the campus. Charges for pole rentals were discussed. It was pointed out the poles in the route selected would require brackets for this system. The City Attorney stated the Council would want an executed contract indemnifying the City and all other provisions that would be applicable, except those that were of a commercial nature. Councilman LaRue moved that a policy be brought in providing for \$3.00 a year rental on the poles; and in the event of a changeout of poles, the non-profit TV system pay the cost and installation. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The City Manager said sometime ago MR. CHRIS CROW was employed as an Architect to design a building at the Water Treatment Plant No. 1 for office space, the present office space to be converted to a control room. He reviewed the change of plans from an extension of the building to a new structure, and the location had been approved by the Council. The soil conditions at that location are found not to be satisfactory, and the suggestion now is to construct the building on San Antonio Street north of First Street. This will be at the east end of the present building. The City Manager had a sketch of the building at the proposed location. After discussion, Councilman Shanks moved that the Council approve the alternate site as suggested. The motion, seconded by Councilman

White, carried by the following vote :

Ayes: Councilmen IaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

The City Manager submitted a report from the Traffic Engineer concerning the congestion of traffic on Guadalupe between 8th and 12th Streets, and recommending widening Guadalupe to 56'. Most of the down town streets had been widened to 60' because they had an 80' right of way. If widening is undertaken it would be through a voluntary paving program or assessment procedure. None of the property owners have been contacted up to this time. In most cases the widening would be on both sides with some exceptions. Guadalupe has 80' right of way, and it would be a matter of setting the curb back and paving. Mayor Palmer asked if 8th Street could also be widened. The City Manager reported 8th Street should be widened from Lavaca to Nueces. Mayor Palmer stated this widening was needed. The Director of Public Works recommended including Guadalupe to 13th Street. The Mayor suggested that 8th Street be included and widened from Lavaca to San Antonio.

Mayor Palmer read a letter regarding the increase in license fees for day nurseries and strict regulations. The writer was licensed to keep six children but never has over three or four. She was hoping to get a raise or help in some way in order to pay her deceased husband's hospital bills.  
(Resident at 707 East 50th Street)

Mayor Palmer read a letter from YN2 David N. Longoria, a member of this year's National Security Seminar stating he recognized the importance of other citizens' knowledge of world events; as less than half of the population knows about current issues and reasons behind the trouble spots of the world. Mr. Longoria suggested that the Chamber of Commerce sponsor a Seminar in Austin. Councilman Long moved that the letter be referred to the Chamber of Commerce. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote :

Ayes: Councilmen IaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

A letter from Mrs. Edward R. (Carrie) Carter, was read reporting she was a delegate to the Democratic Convention at Austin. Dr. H. O. Smith, President of Torbett Smith Memorial Hospital, Marlin, Texas, who was a delegate, tried to get use of a telephone for an important call but could not as the press seemed to have use of all of the phones. She suggested that the Council should provide a telephone for important calls for three minutes only. A representative of the Radio-Television reported the Press Media had rooms full of telephones, and she could not imagine how a member of the press would have been involved in using the emergency telephones. The Mayor suggested this letter be referred to the Auditorium Manager.

Mayor Palmer read a letter from Mr. Samuel M. Rosenthal, President, Samuels and Co., Inc., regarding the abattoir, expressing his interest again in the operation of the abattoir. Councilman Long brought up for discussion

the abattoir contract and stated if the operators asked for any other concessions that consideration should be given to having Mr. Rosenthal's leasing it for a year with an option to buy. Councilman White stated he had mentioned this some-time back.

Mayor Palmer read a letter from the President of the Lions Club of Austin announcing on October 18, 1966, the Lions Club of Austin would observe its 50th Anniversary with a special ceremony dedicating a series of fountains on Town Lake. The fountains are given to the City of Austin and the people of Texas to commemorate a half century of civic service by their club. The President of Lions International, Mr. Edward M. Lindsay, will be present at this celebration. The Council was invited to assemble on the south bank of Town Lake in front of the Auditorium at 5:15 P.M. The Recreation Director reported all arrangements have been made for installation when the fountains arrive. The Mayor asked that this date be noted on the Council's calendar.

MAYOR PALMER inquired of the status of an answer to the letter written by MR. EDWIN FULLER, representing the former employees of the Sanitation Department. The City Attorney stated it was not incumbent upon the Council to take any action. The Council briefly discussed the requests and points involved. After discussion, Councilman Shanks moved that the Council reaffirm the existing Personnel Policies as they stand. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: Councilman Long

Councilman Long voting against the motion stating

"On the interpretation that the City Attorney and the majority of the Council has placed upon that Personnel Policy that vacation pay and sick leave pay are not earned, and I contend that they are, I vote 'no'."

Councilman Long stated REVEREND T. H. HOLMES, Pastor of Pilgrim Home Baptist Church, asked if his Church could be exempt from paying the \$1.25 garbage tax in that they have no garbage, and are not using this service, and it works a hardship on the people in this small church. The Mayor stated all Churches were charged this garbage fee. Councilman Shanks moved that the policy be continued on a fair and equitable basis for everybody. The motion lost for lack of a second. Councilman Long stated she would have to tell REVEREND HOLMES he is to pay the \$1.25 garbage fee. (2902 East 12th Street)

Mr. Leo Lewis spoke briefly in behalf of the former employees in the Sanitation Department.

The Council recessed at 11:50 A.M.

RECESSED MEETING

2:30 P.M.

The Council resumed its business at 2:30 P.M.

The Mayor brought up the following zoning applications deferred from last week:

KIRK E. WILLIAMSON	1100-1126 Reinli Street 5801-5833 Sheridan Avenue	From "B" Residence 2nd Height & Area To "C" Commercial 2nd Height & Area NOT Recommended by the Planning Commission
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Councilman Shanks moved that the change to "C" Commercial 2nd Height and Area be granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "C" Commercial 2nd Height and Area and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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NASH PHILLIPS & CLYDE COPUS By John B. Selman	4304-4308 Clarkson Avenue 1037 East 44th Street	From "A" Residence To "B" Residence TIE VOTE ON MOTION TO DENY NO Recommendation by the Planning Commission
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Councilman LaRue moved that the change to "B" Residence be granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: Councilman Long

Councilman Long voting against the motion stating "This is a terrible mistake to grant this."

Mayor Palmer announced that the change had been granted to "B" Residence and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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O. C. HARDIN	1220 East 52nd Street 5200-5204 Lancaster Court	From "BB" Residence To "O" Office NOT Recommended by the Planning Commission
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Councilman Shanks moved that the change to "O" Office be granted. The

motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "O" Office and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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H. D. PRUETT, JR.	402-404 East 16th Street	From "B" Residence 2nd Height & Area To "O" Office 2nd Height & Area RECOMMENDED by the Planning Commission
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The Council reviewed the Urban Renewal plans for this site, and it was determined this particular tract would be needed either for park or right of way according to the plan. Councilman White moved that the change of zoning not be granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the change had been DENIED.

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EDGAR MONTGOMERY	1507-1509 Newning Avenue	From "A" Residence To "B" Residence NOT Recommended by the Planning Commission
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Councilman White moved that the Council sustain the recommendation of the Planning Commission and deny the change. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, showed the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, White  
Noes: Councilmen LaRue, Shanks, Mayor Palmer

The Mayor announced that the change had been DENIED as it did not receive the necessary four votes.

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L. H. SPRADLING By Billy Zidell	1027 East 45th Street 4414-4416 Clarkson Avenue	From "A" Residence To "B" Residence NOT Recommended by the Planning Commission
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Councilman Shanks moved that the request be granted provided a covenant



JAMES D. DOBSON, JR.  
and JOE DOBSON by  
Rogan B. Giles  
(Continued)

		Assessed Value Fixed by Board	Council Action
Parker Lane - 1.05 ac Santiago Del Valle Grant - Parcel No. 3-0605-0204	Land	\$ 6,130	\$ 6,130
	Improvements	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
	Total	\$ 6,130	\$ 6,130
Parker Lane - .73 ac Santiago Del Valle Grant - Parcel No. 3-0605-0206	Land	\$ 4,280	\$ 4,280
	Improvements	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
	Total	\$4,280	\$ 4,280
East Riverside Drive - 26.33 ac Santiago Del Valle Grant Parcel No. 3-0407-0203	Land	\$34,560	\$34,560
	Improvements	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
	Total	\$34,560	\$34,560

The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

Councilman Shanks moved that the Council establish a value of \$1650 an acre on 14.92 acres Santiago Del Valle Grant as follows:

JAMES D. DOBSON, JR.  
and JOE DOBSON by  
Rogan B. Giles

		Assessed Value Fixed by Board	Council Action
East Riverside Drive - 14.92 ac Santiago Del Valle Grant Parcel No. 9-3-0605-0113	Land	\$19,580	\$18,460
	Improvements	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
	Total	\$19,580	\$18,460

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: Councilman Long

MAYOR PALMER announced he was served a citation on the Cambridge Tower Tax case by Mr. J. C. Hinsley. Mr. Klitgaard stated he also was served a citation.

No action was taken on the request of the AUSTIN CREST HOTEL'S request for a tax reduction on the personal property, as Councilman Shanks was checking information on the personal property, and the matter was postponed until a later date.

Councilman Long asked if a person could have a gun repair establishment in "A" Residential if there were no signs. It was stated a gun was construed to be an appliance, and appliance repairing is prohibited in "A" Residence, even as a home occupation.

COUNCILMAN LONG stated MRS. CLIFTON D. BURR, 1101 Woodland Avenue, needs some relief from flooding as the water comes down the hill from Fairmount Avenue, and crosses the back yard and floods Woodland Avenue. The Director of Public Works reported work was already started on that situation and he believed they might be able to control the excess waters in some manner.

MAYOR PALMER read a letter stating a residence at 2708 Mount Laurel Lane had been flooded by water from the street on two different occasions. The storm sewer is not adequate to carry the water in that area. The Director of Public Works reported the leads from the inlets to the main storm sewer line were too small, but additional lines have been put in there and this problem is being corrected.

COUNCILMAN LONG said she had a call from Dr. Chancellor, President of Concordia College, and he moved from a house into a new apartment house. He has an electric meter that was supposed to start at zero, but it was on when he moved in, and he felt he was being charged for more electricity than he used. He was told the meter was set at zero, and it could not have been as it was on and running, he feels his bill reflects that. The City Manager stated these matters were investigated as thoroughly as possible; and the meters are re-read. They could go out and have his read again. The point is, if the meter was turned and electricity flowed through, someone used the electricity--maybe floor sanders or someone else. The City Manager suggested Dr. Chancellor might talk to the landlord. The City Manager outlined the channels through which these complaints are processed, their starting with the Water and Light Department which has the meters re-read and other checks made. The customers also call into his office, and his office has the process repeated. Usually the case is processed four or five times. He said his office had not received this call.

COUNCILMAN LONG inquired of the Director of Public Works if he were making any progress in cutting weeds and grass in the creeks. It was reported there were more than usual growths because of the tremendous rains. This activity will be transferred completely to the Parks Division as of tomorrow. It was stated over one-half of the creeks are in parks.

COUNCILMAN LONG inquired about the drainage ditch in the area of 2938 Moss, just off Airport Boulevard behind Dr. Neighbor's property. The Director of Public Works stated this was checked into sometime ago; and the drainage ditch was Dr. Neighbor's responsibility.

COUNCILMAN LONG asked who was checking the filling stations which drain water into the storm sewers. The City Manager stated the drainage from filling stations is not supposed to go into sanitary sewers, but into the storm sewers and open creeks after they pass through the grease traps. Councilman Long asked who would check on what was being put in the open ditches. The Director of Public Works stated his department checked on the grease traps to see if they were functioning properly, and all of the slush or grease is to be taken out of the water before it goes into the storm sewers. Councilman Long reported it was thought the Sinclair Station just off Airport Boulevard and Manor Road might be

contaminating that drainage ditch running behind some property. The City Manager stated the staff was trying from time to time to come up with a new practice to recommend for which all service stations would be charged a fee, and the City would service these grease traps to be sure they were properly maintained and kept in proper working condition. The stations install the grease traps but do not service or maintain them. The only way the City could be sure they were maintained would be to do it and charge the filling station operators for the service. The City Manager reported this problem comes and goes. Some seasons they have no complaints at all; and that is why they hesitate to set up this service for the filling stations, as it seemed the situation would take care of itself. Then it shows up again. The service station operators had reviewed this matter with the City sometime ago.

The Council went into Executive Session to appoint a ZILKER MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

The Council came back into Regular Session, the Mayor stating the Committee would be announced next week.

The City Attorney stated the City, since October 1963, held an option to buy about one and a half or two acres of land on Balcones Drive for right of way for the Missouri Pacific Boulevard, from the Austin Paper Company and the option expires Saturday. The City Attorney recommended that it not be exercised because some land in that vicinity was selling for a very little bit more, but some was selling for a great deal less. He listed prices the City had purchased for other properties, and stated in the immediate area there were admissible sales of property for less money per acre than this under option. He recommended not exercising the option, but stated he wanted to be sure that this was the judgment of the Council. After discussion, Councilman Shanks moved that the option on this property not be exercised. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The City Attorney stated at the intersection of Enfield Road and Windsor Road on the southwest corner there is a four unit apartment house, owned by Mr. H. P. Allen. Due to illness in his family he is anxious to be relieved of the responsibility of this apartment house, and is ready to sell the property to the City as a part if not all of it is known to be needed for 15th Street when it extends to that point. Mr. Allen has agreed to sell it to the City payable in any way the City wants to handle it, and at its usual rate of interest. Councilman Long wanted to go look at the property. The Mayor stated the Council would go by and see this property and give an answer next week.

The City Manager reported that the following zoning applications had been referred to the Planning Commission and set for public hearing before the City Council on November 3, 1966:

KRIMM & GLENN WELSCH 1009-1103 Shelley Avenue From "A" Residence  
To "B" Residence

H. R. MAYHALL	Tract 1 2113 Shoalmont Drive	From "A" Residence To "C" Commercial
	Tract 2 2117 Shoalmont Drive	From "A" Residence To "LR" Local Retail
	Tract 3 2121 Shoalmont Drive 5423-5425 Montview Street	From "A" Residence To "O" Office
E. E. NAUMANN By Robert C. Sneed	2329-2331 Rosewood Avenue	From "C" Commercial To "C-1" Commercial
A. J. DOBROWOLSKI	1419-1423 East 7th Street 614-618 Onion Street	From "C" Commercial 2nd Height & Area To "C-2" Commercial 2nd Height & Area
CAPITAL PLAZA MEDICAL CENTER By Richard Metz	1007-1009 East 50th Street	From "A" Residence To "O" Office
LOUIS F. SOUTHERLAND and LOUIS C. PAGE	1008-1102 Lambie 51-55 Interregional Highway	From "O" Office 2nd Height & Area To "C" Commercial 2nd Height & Area
MRS. LORA M. LEE	112-122 Brushy Street 801-803 East 2nd Street 113-123 Interregional Highway	From "A" Residence 2nd Height & Area To "C" Commercial 2nd Height & Area
RICHARD R. HOOPER	4712-4714 Interregional Highway	From "C" Commercial 5th Height & Area To "C-1" Commercial 5th Height & Area
MRS. KATHE GUTTMAN and LORAIN S. DAY	4420 Marathon Boulevard 1101-1103 West 45th Street	From "A" Residence To "C" Commercial
JOHN L. PRADO, JR.	1114-1118 East 8th Street 800-804 Lydia Street	From "C" Commercial To "C-1" Commercial
PEARL H. PATTON, ET AL By Gary Moore	7128-7152 U.S. Highway 290	From Interim "A" Resi- dence 1st Height & Area and "C-1" Com- mercial 6th Height & Area To "C-1" Commercial 6th Height & Area
FRANK BARRON	1119-1121 & 1201-1205 St. Johns Avenue 7104-7110 & 7105-7111 Grand Canyon Drive	From Interim "A" Resi- dence 1st Height & Area To "B" Residence 1st Height & Area

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AUSTIN CREST HOTEL INC., By Richard Baker	111 East 1st Street	From "C-1" Commercial 4th Height & Area & "C-2" Commercial 4th Height & Area To "C-2" Commercial 4th Height & Area
AUSTIN MOOSE LODGE By Ronald Zent	Tract 1 Rear of 2103 Redwood Avenue	From "O" Office To "C-2" Commercial
	Tract 2 Rear of 2101-2103 Redwood Avenue	From "C-2" Commercial To "O" Office
AUSTIN SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION By Campbell & Patterson	1014-1016 East 39th Street 3900-3912 Interregional Highway	From "C" Commercial 6th Height & Area To "C" Commercial 5th Height & Area
MRS. LOIS McGEE and DON J. JACKSON By Ronald Zent	7205-7207 Guadalupe Street 513-515 Odell Street	From "A" Residence 1st Height & Area To "B" Residence 2nd Height & Area
RICHARD R. HOOPER	900 East 55th Street 5501-5503 Helen Street	From "A" Residence To "O" Office

There being no further business Councilman Long moved that the Council adjourn. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The Council adjourned at 4:15 P.M. subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

*L. H. & LaRue*  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

*Eileen Worsley*  
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City Clerk